

## Andrew Jackson to William John Duane, September 23, 1833, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### TO SECRETARY DUANE.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This draft is in Taney's handwriting. The omitted part in brackets as seen in the published copy is as follows: "I will from respect to you and for myself, afford you an opportunity to select a successor whose views may accord with your own, on the important matter in contemplation." In justice to Duane it should be said that he claimed that Jackson had previously absolved him from this promise to resign.

September 23, 1833.

*Sir*, Since I returned your first letter of September 21st, and since the receipt of your second letter of the same day which I sent back to you at your own request I have received your 3 and 4 letters of the same date. The two last as well as the first contain statements that are inaccurate and as I have already indicated in my last note to you that a correspondence of this description is inadmissible, your two last letters are herewith returned. But from all of your recent communications as well as your recent conduct your feelings and sentiments appear to be of such a character that after your letter July last in which you say [ *blank* ] and your determination now to disregard the pledge you then gave I feel myself constrained to notify you that your further services as Secretary of the Treasury are no longer required.

[ *Indorsement:* ] Presid'nts lettr 23d Sepr. 1833, dismissing Mr. Duane.